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IN PATENT APPLICATION

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe that I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which patent is sought on the invention entitled: FLUTED COMPOSITE AND RELATED ABSORBENT ARTICLES, the specification of which was filed on September 18, 2000 as United States Application No. 09/664,472.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(c) of any foreign application(s) for patent listed below and have also identified below, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed: None.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States listed below, and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Prior U.S. Application:

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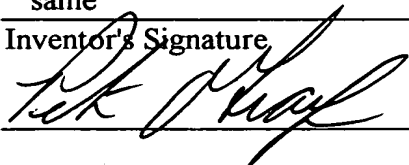
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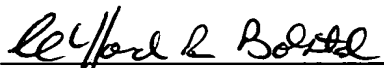
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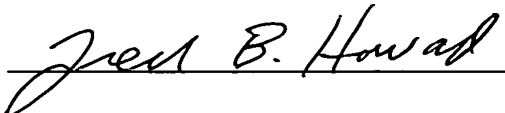
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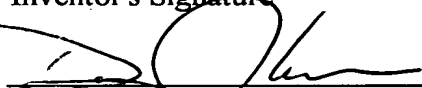
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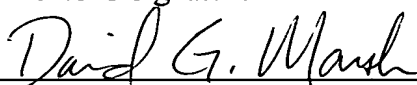
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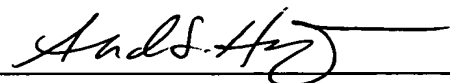
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